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## **BY ECF**

The Honorable Katherine Polk Failla United States District Judges Southern District of New York Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse 40 Foley Square New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Chajecki, 14 Cr. 468 (KPF)

Dear Judge Failla:

The Government writes, with the consent of defense counsel, to seek a stay of the pending VOSR proceeding in this matter until the resolution of new criminal charges filed against the defendant in *United States v. Chajecki*, 21 Cr. 17 (KPF). The parties believe that staying the proceedings is appropriate because, *inter alia*, specifications (5) – (7) of the pending VOSR concern the August 16, 2019 murder of Isael Lagares, and the defendant is also charged with that murder in *United States v. Chajecki*, 21 Cr. 17.

Should the Court grant the parties' motion to stay the VOSR proceedings, the parties will write to the Court upon the resolution of the charges filed in *United States v. Chajecki*, 21 Cr. 17 to schedule a conference in this matter or otherwise advise the Court regarding proposed next steps in the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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Application GRANTED. The pending VOSR proceeding in this matter is hereby STAYED pending the resolution of the criminal charges filed against Defendant in *United States* v. *Chajecki*, 21 Cr. 17 (KPF). The parties are directed to write to the Court upon the resolution of the charges filed in 21 Cr. 17 to schedule a conference in this matter or otherwise advise the Court regarding proposed next steps in this case. The Clerk of Court is directed to terminate the pending motion at docket number 562.

Dated: August 23, 2022

New York, New York

SO ORDERED.

HON. KATHERINE POLK FAILLA UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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